

C++ Assignment - 6

Q.1. What's socket? Explain system calls related to UDP socket.

→ Socket:

It's an endpoint of two-way communication link b/w two processes running on network. The socket mechanism provides a means of interprocess communication (IPC) established by named contact points b/w which communication takes place. They are generally used in client server applications.

System calls related to UDP sockets:

1) `int socket (int domain, int type, int protocol);`
creates an unbound socket in specified domain. Returns socket file descriptor.

- Arguments

domain: specifies communication domain

type: type of socket

protocol: 0 means default

2) `int bind (int sockfd, const struct sockaddr *addr, socklen_t addrlen);`

Assign address to unbound socket.

Arguments:

sockfd: file descriptor of socket

addr: struct in which address to be binded to is specified.

addrlen: size of addr struct.

3) `ssize_t sendto (int sockfd, const void *buf, size_t len, int flags, const struct sockaddr *dest_addr, socklen_t addrlen);`
sends a message on socket.

- Arguments:

sockfd: file descriptor of socket

buf: Appⁿ buffer containing data to be sent

len: size of buf

Flags: Bitwise OR of flags to modify socket behaviour

addr_len: size of dest_addr struct

dest_addr: struct containing addr of destination.

4) ssize_t recvfrom(int sockfd, void * buf, size_t len, int flags, struct sockaddr * src_addr, socklen_t * addrlen)

Receives a message from socket.

- Arguments:

buf: Appⁿ buf to receive data

src_addr: source addr struct

* remaining fields are same as above.

5) int close(int fd); closes a descriptor

- Arguments: fd: file descriptor.

Q.2. Draw and explain UDP header:

→ UDP header is 8 bytes fixed & simple header; first 8 bytes contain all necessary header information & remaining part comprises data. UDP port no. fields are each 16 bits long, therefore range for port no. is 0 - 65535; port no. 0 is reserved.

8 bytes

UDP header	UDP data
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all fields are of 16 bits ←

Source port length	Destination port checksum
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- 1) Source Port: Source port is 2 bytes. Identifies source port number
- 2) Dest. port: Its 2 bytes long & identified dest. port number
- 3) Length: Its UDP length including header & data.
- 4) Checksum: Its a 2 byte field containing 16-bits 1's complement of the 1's complement checksum of UDP header; pseudo header of info. from IP header & data, padded with 0 octets at the end (if necessary) to make multiple of 2 octets.

Q3) Write down steps involved in establishing UDP socket on client side & server side.

→ Step involved in UDP server-client connection:

• UDP server:

- 1) Create UDP socket
- 2) Bind the socket to server addr
- 3) Wait until datagram packet arrives from client
- 4) Process the datagram packet & send a reply to client
- 5) Go to step 3 & continue.

• UDP client:

- 1) Create UDP socket
- 2) send message to server
- 3) Wait until responses from server is received
- 4) Process reply & go back to step 2, if required
- 5) close socket descriptor & exit.